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Dear Mr. Oliff:

This is in response to your request received 11 October 2006 inquiring about the status of the filing receipt and notice of acceptance in U.S. national stage application serial number 10/579,056. Please be notified that the Designated/Elected Office currently has a backlog of about eight months in processing 371 application papers and will issue an Office action in due course. All further inquiries about the status of this application eight months after the filing of the 371 papers may be addressed to Catherine Short, Manager of the U.S. Designated/Elected Office at (703) 308-9140, extension 220 or to Terry Johnson-Vessels, Supervisor of Team I, at telephone number (703) 308-9140, extension 221.

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